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SUBJ: GATT ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS

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1. ACCORDING TO AN EC PERM DEL SOURCE WHO ASKED TO
BE PROTECTED, EC COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH, IN BILATERAL
TALKS IN PARIS NOVEMBER 12, SETTLED MOST OUTSTANDING
ISSUES WITH THE FRENCH (DE MOREL) ON THE PROPOSED
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ARTICLE XXIV:6 OFFER LIST OUR SOURCE UNDERSTANDS

THAT THE FRENCH INSISTED -- AND THE COMMISSION RELUCTANTLY AGREED -- THAT THE OFFER ON KRAFT SHOULD INVOLVE A 700,000 TON QUOTA WITH THE TARIFF ON THE IN-QUOTA AMOUNT BEING REDUCED PROGRESIVELY TO SIX PERCENT (RATHER THAN FOUR PERCENT AS PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION). APPARENTLY, THE ONLY OTHER REMAINING OUTSTANDING POINT WITH FRANCE IS THE PROPOSAL TO PUT CANNED PINEAPPLES UNDER THE COMMUNITY'S GENERALIZED PREFERENCE SCHEME.

2. OUR SOURCE BELIEVES THE COMMISSION HAS NOT YET HAD ITS BILATERAL TALKS WITH ITALY AND IRELAND -- THE TWO OTHER COUNTRIES THAT STILL HAD RESERVATIONS ON SPECIFIC ITEMS -- BUT WILL DO SO SOON. HE SPECULATED THAT, WITH THE FRENCH VIRTUALLY AGREED TO THE OFFER LIST, ITALIAN AND IRISH OBJECTIONS WOULD SOMEHOW BE OVERCOME.

3. SUBJECT TO LAST-MINUTE SURPRISES OR HITCHES, OUR SOURCE BELIEVES THAT THE MATTER WOULD COME BEFORE THE EC COMMITTEE OF PERM REPS ON NOVEMBER 29 AND BE APPROVED BY THE EC COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 3-4 WITHOUT DISCUSSION UNDER THE ROUTINE ("POINT A") PROCEDURE. HE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS TIMETABLE AND PROCEDURE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON DEVELOPMENTS. GREENWALD

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